Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended)

A method, comprising:

entering user information into a processor controlling a dispensing cabinet having a plurality of shelves;

~~said processor unlocking certain doors of the dispensing cabinet in response to said user information;~~

choosing a locate mode;

identifying an item to be located; and

said processor responsively flashing a display ~~positioned~~ on ~~a shelf~~ at least one of said plurality of shelves within the cabinet that contains said item to be located, wherein said display flashes ~~with~~ the quantity of said item ~~number of items~~ held by ~~that~~ the corresponding shelf ~~which are to be located;~~

~~logging off; and~~

~~locking the unlocked doors~~.

Claim 2 (original)

The method of claim 1 additionally comprising the step of entering patient information.

Claim 3 (currently amended)

The method of claim ~~2~~ 24 additionally comprising the steps of opening one of the unlocked doors, selecting a compartment, entering the number of items taken, and closing the opened door.

Claim 4 (original)

The method of claim 1 wherein said step of choosing a locate mode includes choosing from among a dispense, locate, return and restock mode.

Claim 5 (original)

The method of claim 1 wherein said step of identifying an item to be located includes one of picking an item from a pick list, inputting identifying information with a keypad, and barcode scanning.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

A method, comprising:

entering user information into a processor controlling a dispensing cabinet having a plurality of shelves;

said processor unlocking certain doors of the dispensing cabinet in response to said user information;

entering patient information into the processor;

choosing a locate mode;

identifying an item to be located;

said processor responsively flashing a display ~~positioned~~ on ~~a shelf~~ at least one of said plurality of shelves within the cabinet that contains said item to be located, wherein said display flashes ~~with~~ the quantity of said item ~~number of items~~ held by ~~that~~ the corresponding shelf ~~which are to be located~~;

opening an unlocked door behind which there is a shelf with a flashing display;

selecting a compartment in said shelf with said flashing display; and

zeroing the flashing display in response to the selection of [[a]] said compartment[[;]] .

~~identifying the number of items taken from the selected compartment;~~

~~displaying the number of items taken on the display;~~

~~closing the opened door;~~

~~logging off; and~~

~~locking the unlocked doors.~~

Claim 7 (original)

The method of claim 6 wherein said step of choosing a locate mode includes choosing from among a dispense, locate, return and restock mode.

Claim 8 (original)

The method of claim 6 wherein said step of identifying an item to be located includes one of picking an item from a pick list, inputting identifying information with a keypad, and barcode scanning.

Claims 9 – 23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (new)

The method of claim 1, further comprising said processor unlocking certain doors of the dispensing cabinet in response to said user information.

Claim 25 (new)

The method of claim 24, further comprising:

logging off; and

locking the unlocked doors.

Claim 26 (new)

The method of claim 6, further comprising:

identifying the number of items taken from the selected compartment;

displaying the number of items taken on the display;

closing the opened door;

logging off; and

locking the unlocked doors.

Claim 27 (new)

An item dispenser comprising:

a cabinet having:

a plurality of shelves, wherein at least one of said plurality of shelves contains an item to be located, and

a display on each of said plurality of shelves containing said item to be located; and

a processor in electrical communication with said cabinet and controlling an operation thereof, wherein said processor is configured to locate said item in said cabinet and to responsively flash on each said display the corresponding quantity of said item held by the respective shelf.